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### FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2011

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
10:00 a.m.: Morning Hour 12:00 p.m.: Legislative Business	1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m.
Fifteen "One Minutes" per side		

At approximately 4:00 p.m., the House will recess to allow for a security sweep of the House Chamber prior to the President's address. The House will meet again at approximately 7:00 p.m. in a joint session with the Senate for the purpose of receiving an address from the President of the United States.

H.Res. 392 - Rule providing for consideration of both H.R. 2218 - Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act (Rep. Hunter - Education and Workforce) and H.R. 1892 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Rep. Rogers (MI) - Intelligence) (One Hour of Debate) The Rules Committee has recommended a structured Rule which provides for consideration of both H.R. 2218 and H.R. 1892.

For H.R. 2218, the Rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Committee on Education and Workforce. The Rule makes in order 8 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, and allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It also waives all points of order against consideration of the bill.

For H.R. 1892, the Rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. The Rule makes in order 9 amendments, each debatable for 10 minutes, and allows one motion to recommit, with or without instructions. It also waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. H.Res. 392 also provides the Chairman of the Intelligence committee authority to offer amendments en bloc, consisting of amendments not previously considered. All en bloc amendments are debatable for 10 minutes equally divided between the Chair and Ranking Member of the Intelligence committee.

The Rule also provides that a resolution of disapproval relating to the debt limit shall be in order only if offered by the Majority Leader, or his designee, and the resolution may be offered after the deadline date of Tuesday, September 13, as specified in the Budget Control Act, but no later than the legislative day of September 14, 2011.

The Rules committee rejected several amendments offered by Democrats, including an amendment offered by Mr. Peters that would add post-secondary persistence and graduation rates to the criteria used to measure the progress of charter schools. The Rules Committee also rejected a motion by Ms. Slaughter to consider the legislation under an open Rule.

<u>H.R. 2218</u> - Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act (Rep. Hunter - Education and Workforce) (One Hour of Debate) The bill authorizes \$300 million for FY 2012 and each of the fiscal years through FY 2017 for carrying out the high quality charter school



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program. The bill amends the existing charter school program to support the startup, replication and expansion of charter schools and consolidate facility financing assistance programs.

The bill makes technical corrections to other provisions in the Charter School Program, including modifying the definition of a charter school to clarify that a charter school can serve early childhood students as well as post-secondary students. The bill also allows the Secretary of Education to operate a start-up competition for charter schools in states that did not win or compete for a State Quality Charter School Grant.

#### Bill Text for H.R. 2218:

HTML Version
PDF Version

### Background for H.R. 2218:

<u>House Report HTML Version</u> <u>House Report PDF Version</u>

# TOMORROW'S OUTLOOK

The GOP Leadership has announced the following schedule for Friday, September 9: The House will meet at 9:00 a.m. for legislative business. The House is expected to consider H.R. 1892 - Intelligence Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Rep. Rogers (MI) – Intelligence). The House is also expected to consider <u>H.Res. 391</u> - Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001, on the 10th Anniversary of that date – by unanimous consent. Text of the resolution can be found <a href="here">here</a>.

## The Daily Quote

"House Republicans are shifting their policy focus for the fall...Majority Leader Eric Cantor (R-Va.) acknowledged Wednesday that the GOP had a singular focus on slashing government spending in the first eight months of its majority in the chamber, perhaps at the expense of the 'grow' part of their so-called 'cut and grow' strategy...Cantor's push to emphasize the 'grow' half appeared to reflect a concern among GOP leaders that their campaign for spending cuts had left them vulnerable to criticism..."

- The Hill, 9/7/11